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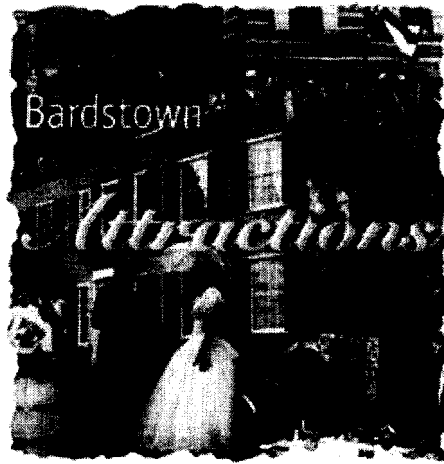
CENTENNIAL PREVIEW

March '88

— Bardstown
weightlifter Lynn
Whiteman returned
from Australia with
a gold medal for his
performance in the
Australian Amputee
Weightlifting
Championships.

Today's Centennial feature
presented in celebration of the
100th birthday of The Kentucky
Standard, is a photo tribute to some
of the athletic champions of the
'80s.

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"Bardstown was recently listed. . . as one of the 100 Best Small Towns in America."

You'll be swept away by warmth and beauty when you visit historic Bardstown, Kentucky. Home to more than 7,000 people, our community welcomes you to a city filled with visions of the past that echo into the future.

William Bard arrived in the area known as Salem in 1780 as agent for his brother David and John C. Owings. Based on a land grant of 1,000 acres from the Virginia General Assembly, Bard sectioned off the town. The first courthouse, made of hewn logs, was built in 1785 in this city named Baird's Town (a derivative of the family name). It was designated Bardstown in 1788 when the city was incorporated.

Today, Bardstown is especially noted for its many old homes steeped in tradition. More than 300 of its buildings are listed on the National Historic Register. It is the site of the original Kentucky Court of Appeals and center of the distilling industry in Kentucky because of an abundance of lime in its water supply. Bardstown was recently listed in Norman Crampton's book as one of the *100 Best Small Towns in America*.

Historic Bardstown is found in Nelson County, which was formed in 1784 by the General Assembly of Virginia. It was the fourth county erected in the district of Kentucky and named in honor of ex-governor Thomas Nelson of Virginia.

Around-the-Town Carriage

Open daily 11:00 am - 11:00 pm. A narrated tour through Historic Bardstown on horse-drawn carriages that take you back in time and help you to relax and enjoy the scenery. Contact: Everett Jones

223 North Third Street, Bardstown, KY 40004, (502) 348-0331

Bernheim Arboretum and Research Forest

Open 7:00 am until one hour before sunset daily except Christmas Day and New Year's Day. Free admission Mon - Fri, \$5.00 per vehicle on weekends and holidays. Renowned arboretum and 14,000 acre forest preserve with nature center, picnic areas, hiking trails and lakes. No camping or hunting. Contact: Eliane Wilson

Hwy 245, Clermont, KY 40110, (502) 955-8512

Bluegrass Motor Speedway

A high-banked 1/2 mile clay oval, Bluegrass Speedway features four exciting divisions of racing on a weekly basis. A family-oriented facility looking to provide America's #1 sports entertainment : automobile racing. Gates open at 5:00 on Sat.

Located at exit 21 of the Bluegrass Parkway on Hwy.31E, 502-349-1241

The Doll Cottage

Open summer 10 - 5, Spring & Fall 11 -5, Winter - Closed. View over 1,000 dolls in museum. Doll shop and doll hospital

213 E. Stephen Foster Ave., Bardstown, KY 40004, (502) 348-8210

Heaven Hill Distillery

Open year round. Mon - Fri. Tours at 10:30 & 2:30. The home of Heaven Hill, Evan Williams and Elijah Craig bourbons. The largest and one of the few family-owned distilleries in the country. Free admission. Contact: Regina Johnson

1064 Loretto Rd., Bardstown, KY 40004, (502) 348-3921

Heritage Hall, Sisters of Charity

Open Mon - Fri, 10 - 4, weekends by appointment. Located at Nazareth Campus in O'Connell Hall. A museum of the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth, celebrating the story and mission of this group of religious women since 1812 to the present time. Interpretive exhibits illustrate the leadership of the Sisters in areas of education, healthcare and social service. Also tour St. Vincents Church. Contact: Sister Frances Krumpelman.

Box 34, Nazareth, KY 40048, (502) 348-1545

Hillbilly Heaven Entertainment & Exposition Complex

Located on Sutherland Lane site of "The largest Christmas light show in Central Kentucky!" Group dining & entertainment programs include "Surprise" hayrides, fine dining and monte carlo games. Contact: Steve Hayden

P. O. Box 847, Bardstown, KY 40004, (502) 348-3040

Jim Beam's American Outpost

Open year round. Mon - Sat, 9 - 4:30; Sun 1 - 4. Learn the rich heritage and modern day methods of this two-hundred-year-old company and world's #1 Bourbon. Exhibits, Beam Home, film cooperage museum, moonshine still. Free admission. Contact: Doris Calhoun

Hwy. 245, Clermont, KY 40110, (502) 543-9877

Kentucky Railway Museum

Museum open Mon - Sat, 9 - 5; Sun, 12 - 5. Bells, lights, and whistles abound at Kentucky's Official Railway Museum. A 22 mile round trip through the scenic Rolling Fork River Valley, visit the exhibits and browse the museum store in KRM's new 5,000 square foot re-creation of the original L&N depot. Contact: John Campbell/Kim Maupin

136 S. Main St., New Haven, KY 40051, (502) 549-5470 or 1-800-272-0152

Maker's Mark Distillery

Open year round. Mon - Sat, 10:30 - 3:30. Tours are hourly on the half hour. Sun, 1:30 - 3:30. Take a walking, guided tour through tiny Maker's Mark Distillery. See the handcrafting arts of making or bourbon. Purchase a souvenir bottle and hand dip in our signature red wax. Free admission. Contact: Donna Nally

3350 Burkes Spring Rd., Loretto, KY 40037, (270) 865-2099

The Mansion Home Tour

Tours at 1:00 and 5:00 pm. Guided tour of this National Register home, built circa 1851, covers the history of the home and the families that have lived there. It features period antiques. It is the site of the first raising of the Confederate Flag in Kentucky. Handicapped individuals: 4 steps. Contact: Dennis Downs

1003 N. 3rd St., Bardstown, KY 40004, (502) 348-2586 or 1-877-909-2586

My Old Kentucky Dinner Train

Open year round. Vintage 1940's dining cards carry passengers through 35 miles of Kentucky countryside for lunch and dinner excursions in exquisite surroundings. Reservations suggested. Handicapped individuals: 5 steps. Call for Information and Reservations.

602 N. 3rd St., Bardstown, KY 40004, (502) 348-7300

My Old Kentucky Home State Park

Open daily Sept - May, 9 - 4:45; June - Aug, 8:30 - 6:15; Closed Thanksgiving Day, Christmas week and New Year's Eve & Day. Federal Hill was the inspiration for Stephen Foster's ballad "My Old Kentucky Home." Today this Bardstown mansion is as endearing to visitors as it was in 1852 when Foster was inspired to write the song. Step into the days of the antebellum South as costumed guides escort you through the stately Mansion. Contact: Alice Heaton

501 E. Stephen Foster Ave., P.O. Box 323, Bardstown, KY 40004, (502) 348-3502 or 1-800-323-7803

Civil War Museum at Old Bardstown Village

Open Mar 1 - Dec 15, Mon - Sat, 10 - 5, Sun, 12 - 5; Jan - Feb, Sat, 10 - 5, Sun 12 - 5. Group tours available year round with prior reservations. The Civil War Museum has one of the largest collection of artifacts featuring the "War of the West," portraying both the North and South. Depicting the time in history are authentic uniforms, weapons, battle flags, maps, documents etc. Contact: Rita Herrmann

310 E. Broadway, Bardstown, KY 40004, 502-349-0291 or 502-348-5204

Old County Jail

Open Mar - Dec, Mon - Sat, 10 - 6; Sun, 2 - 6. The back Jail was built in 1874 and was the oldest operating jail in the state of Kentucky until 1987. It is basically unchanged with interesting graffiti, as in poems and clever art work (all clean, I might add). We even have a permanent prisoner that will send a little shiver up your back. Yes, it is an experience touring the jails as you catch a glimpse of life seldom seen. Contact: Paul McCoy

111 W. Stephen Foster Ave., Bardstown, KY 40004, 502-348-5551 or 1-800-948-5551

Old Talbott Tavern

Open 11 - 9. Built in 1779 we are the oldest western stagecoach stop in America. Visit our mural room where paintings were done by King Louis Phillippe and his entourage. See bullet holes shot by Jesse James. Contact: Betty Kelley

107 W Stephen Foster Ave., Bardstown, KY 40004, 502-348-3494 or 1-800-4Tavern

Oscar Getz Museum of Whiskey History and Bardstown/Historical Museum

Open May - Oct, Mon - Sat, 9 - 5; Sun, 1 - 5; Nov - Apr, Tues - Sat, 10 - 4; Sun, 1 - 4. Located in Spalding Hall. Two museums of great interest, one of the bourbon industry from pre-colonial days to the present. Artifacts relating to distilleries, including stills, cooperage, antique bottles, jugs and advertising art. The other incorporates history and artifacts relating to the Bardstown and Nelson County area from the 1800's to the turn of the century. Donations requested. Contact: Flaget Nally or Mary Hite

114 N. 5th St., Bardstown, KY 40004, 502-348-2999

St. Joseph Proto-Cathedral

Open year round. Mon - Fri, 9 - 5; Sat, 9 - 3; Sun, 1 - 5. First catholic cathedral west of the Allegheny Mountains. A National

310 W Stephen Foster Ave., Bardstown, KY 40004, 502-348-3126

The Old Stable

Famous for its traditional "All-You-Can-Eat" Southern evening buffet, sing-along, and hilarious comedy program with lots of audience participation. Contact: Steve Hayden

P.O. Box 847, 116 W Stephen Foster Ave., Bardstown, KY 40004, 502-348-3040

Stephen Foster/The Musical

Open Jun 10- Sep 3, nightly at 8:00 p.m. except Mondays, Sat matinee, indoor theatre at 2:00 p.m. A spectacular musical based on the life of America's first great composer, with a professional cast of nearly 50. Features many of Foster's most popular songs including "Oh! Susanna," and "My Old Kentucky Home."

**PO. Box 546, Hwy. 150, Drama Drive, Bardstown, KY 40004
J. Dan Talbott Amphitheatre, My Old Kentucky Home State Park, 502-348-5971 or 1-800-626-1563**

Tourmobile

Available Jun - late Aug, Mon - Sat, 9:30 & 1:00. Group Reservation 10:45 & 2:15. Free introductory tour of Historic Bardstown including a visit to Heaven Hill Distillery. Maximum capacity 40. Tickets may be obtained at the Visitor Center. Not handicap accessible. Contact: Bardstown-Nelson County Tourist Commission

107 E. Stephen Foster Ave., Bardstown, KY 40004, 502-348-4877 or 1-800-638-4877

Walking Tour

Self-guided tours of Historic Downtown. Details available at the Visitor Center. Contact: Bardstown-Nelson County Tourist Commission

107 E. Stephen Foster Ave., Bardstown, KY 40004, 502-348-4877 or 1-800-638-4877

Wickland, Home of Three Governors

Tours by appointment only. Superb architecture - stairs to third floor are exceptional, unusual antique furniture, double parlors with matching mirrors. Built in 1817. Not handicap accessible. Contact: Sara Trigg

Hwy. 62 E., 1/2 mile from Court Square, 502-348-5428

Women in the Civil War Museum

Open Mar - Dec, 15 Mon - Sat, 10 - 5, Sun 12 - 5; Jan - Feb, weekends only. Group tours available on request at any time. The museum is designed to give insight into the many contributions of women during the Civil War as they advanced the cause of the North or the South. Contact: Rita Herrmann

302 E. Broadway (Wright Talbott House), Bardstown, KY 40004, 502-349-0291 or 502-348-5204

Old Bardstown Village

Open Mar 1 - Dec 15, Mon - Sat, 10 - 5, Sun, noon - 5; Jan & Feb open weekends only. Contact: Rita Herrmann

310 E. Broadway, Bardstown, Kentucky 40004, 502-349-0291 or 502-348-5204

Towns and Villages

Bardstown

Nelson County, Kentucky

General Description:

Set amidst lush woods and freshwater springs, Bardstown was once known as the Athens of the West because of its strong commitment to education. Today the economy rests on a healthy mix of industry, agriculture and tourism.

Strong Points: A nice small town with lots of activities and recreation plus easy access to the big city - Louisville (270,000)

Potential Drawbacks: None



Main Street	Housing	Recreation	Local Attractions	Local Links
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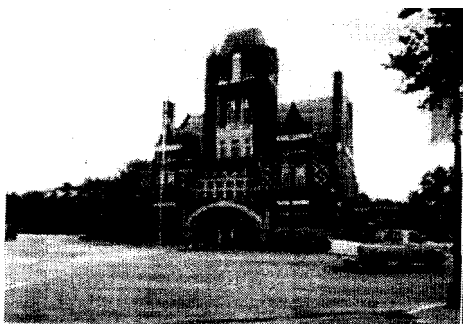
	Avg (°F)	Avg	Avg	Elevation	650 ft
	High/Low	Rain	Snow	Town population	7,879
Jan	43/24	4"	5"	Closest city of 100,000+ (Louisville, KY)...	39 miles
Apr	70/45	4"	0"	Closest commercial airport (Louisville Int'l - Standiford Field)...	39 miles
Jul	89/65	5"	0"	Cost of living...	Avg ¹
Oct	71/44	3"	0"	Crime rate, per 100,000...	n/a ²
Annual	68/45	48"	14"	Non-Federal physicians, per 100,000 in county...	98 ³

Avg days/yr - max 90°F or above: **43** ¹ Categories: Low, Below Avg, Avg, Above Avg or High

Avg days/yr - max 32°F or below: **13** ² National avg: 4,923 per 100,000 population

Perceived humidity: **Avg** ³ National avg: 282 per 100,000 population

Main Street - Bardstown, KY



Looking southward toward Court Square on 3rd Street.

Built in 1892 (at a cost of \$33,000), the Nelson County Courthouse is in the Georgian style.

More of the downtown area near Court Square.

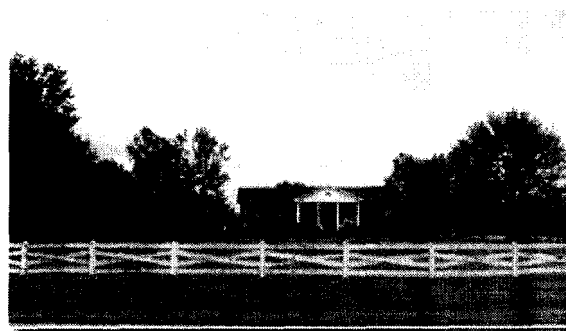
Housing - Bardstown, KY



Under \$100,000 - 3 bedrooms

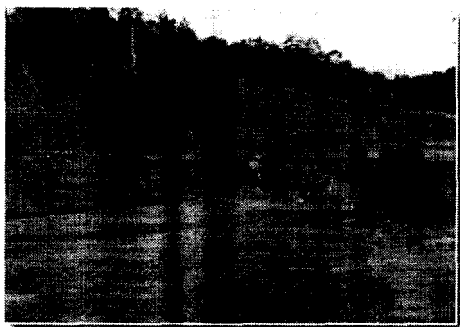


Just over \$100,000 - 3 bedrooms



Under \$200,000 - 5 bedrooms/3 baths on 2 acres

Recreation - Bardstown, KY



Nelson County offers 4 18-hole golf courses plus a 9-hole, par 3.

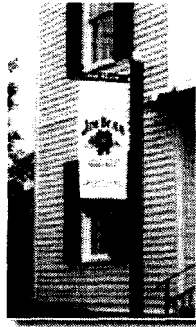


Bluegrass Speedway is a one half mile banked oval racetrack. The grandstands seat 3,700 plus there are accommodations for lawn chairs.

Local Attractions - Bardstown, KY



Old Bardstown Village, home of the Civil War Museum is not far from Courthouse Square.



The nearby Jim Beam Distillery confirms that you are in the Bourbon County of the World.



The Rowan Family Mansion inspired Stephen Foster to write the song, My Old Kentucky Home in the 1850s.

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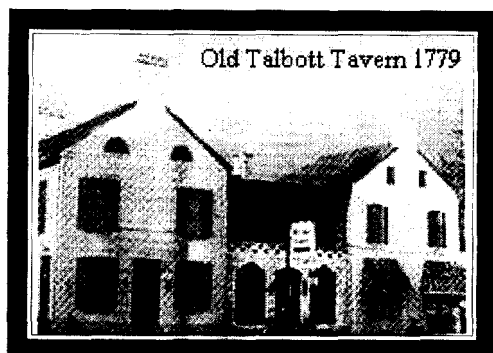
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Historic Bardstown Kentucky



With the following links, you can take a look at Bardstown and vicinity through the State of Kentucky's "Virtual Tour"

- [A Look at Bardstown Kentucky / Virtual Tour](#)
- [Historic Bardstown Kentucky](#)

Some more interesting information about Bardstown--

Bardstown is one of Kentucky's oldest towns, with many historic buildings, and it is a center for the growing of tobacco and the distilling of bourbon. Bardstown is in Nelson county, central Kentucky's Bourbon Country, 35 miles south of Louisville. Sights of interest include the local historical museum, the Getz Museum of Whiskey History--from colonial days to Prohibition--and My Old Kentucky Home State Park. This park is home to Federal Hill, a mansion that probably inspired Stephen Foster to write "My Old Kentucky Home". From June to early September the "Stephen Foster Story", a musical pageant featuring the composer's melodies, is staged in the park's amphitheater. Bourbon aficionados will want to take the tours of the nearby Jim Beam and Maker's Mark distilleries. Here also is a Trappist abbey that sells a very distinctive (and strong) cheese.

The well-known Old Talbott Tavern (107 West Stephen Foster Avenue, 40004; 502-348-3494 or 800-4TAVERN) is one of Kentucky's most historic inns. Among the tavern's famous visitors were King Louis Philippe of France, Abraham Lincoln, Jesse James, Daniel Boone, Stephen Foster, and James Audubon. Meals include both typical American cuisine--steak, shrimp, chicken--and old Kentucky favorites--rabbit, quail, fried chicken with cream gravy, and catfish with hush puppies. The Old Talbott Tavern is worth a visit both for its historical significance and for its downhome cooking.

Saint Joseph Proto-Cathedral, 2 blocks from downtown, is a history lesson in itself. This imposing structure is the oldest cathedral west of the Allegheny mountains, and once was the center of authority of the Roman Catholic for an entire section of the United States. It is open to visitors daily.

- [St Joseph Cathedral Web Site](#)

About 10 miles south of Bardstown is the Abbey of Gethsemani monastery, originally built in the early 1800's by a group of Monk's who came here from France. The modern day abbey still conducts retreats, manufactures food products shipped round the world through a mail order service, and is a spiritual center for Catholics. Gethsemani is famous as the home of the famous author Thomas Merton, who resided there until his death in 1968.

- [The Abbey of Gethsemani Web Site](#)



Western Theatre



The Battle of Bardstown, Kentucky, which was fought on October 4, 1862, has been lost to history, being buried by the larger battle, the battle of Perryville, which was fought on October 8, 1862. But the Battle of Bardstown would be a turning point for not only the Eighth Texas Cavalry, but also for Col. John Wharton who commanded the Eighth Texas Cavalry. Of all the 292 engagements led by the Eighth Texas Rangers, Terry's Texas Rangers, the Battle of Bardstown would go down as their finest moment.

--*The Battle of Bardstown, Kentucky* by Bryan Bush

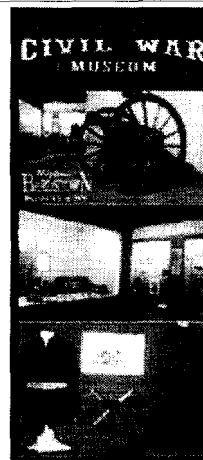
► The Civil War Museum

Unlike other Civil War museums, Bardstown's Civil War Museum focuses on the *War of the Western States*. The museum ranks a close fourth to the Museum of the Confederacy in Richmond, Confederate Memorial Hall in New Orleans, and the Atlanta History Center in terms of size and contents.

Artifacts include the flag of the 2nd Kentucky Cavalry, captured near New Libson, Ohio, during Confederate Brigadier General John Hunt Morgan's Raid, the presentation sword of Confederate Brigadier General Lloyd Tilghman, killed in the Battle of Champion's Hill, and a silver flask presented to Confederate Brigadier General John C. Breckinridge a few days after he joined the Confederate Army.

Artifacts are artfully displayed with photos, uniforms, cannons, flags, battle wagons, medical equipment, weapons and personal items.

The complex also includes Old Bardstown Village with nine log cabins 150 to 200 years old that portray the crafts of the 1780 - 1820 era.



310 E. Broadway

Monday - Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

January and February, weekends only

502-349-0291

► Women in The Civil War Museum

A rare look at the roles women played in the Civil War. The museum portrays women as nurses, spies, soldiers, plantation and factory workers.

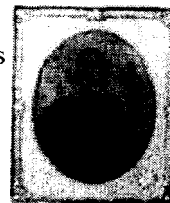
Displays also include dresses of that era.

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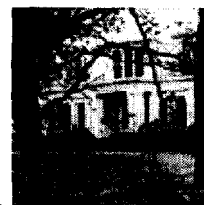
► **The Mansion**

The home is on the site where the first Confederate flag, the "Stars and Bars" was raised in Kentucky for the first time.

The home boasts a rich history and was built by Lt. Gov. William E. Johnson and was the birthplace of Ben Johnson, one of Kentucky's most noted and powerful politicians.

The home now serves as a Bed & Breakfast and is decorated in period antiques. The home was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1979.

The home is available for tour.



**Links for
Additional
Information:**

www.bardstownmansion.com

1003 North Third Street,
one block north of Hwy 245 & 150 (31E) intersection
(502) 348-2586 (877) 909-2586

► ***The Civil War Battles of the Western Theatre***

by Bryan Bush



Turner Publishing Company is pleased to announce the release of *Civil War Battles of The Western Theatre* by author Bryan S. Bush. Never has anything comparable to this massive volume been published on America's Western Theatre in the War Between the States. Bush takes the reader through every major battle in the West complete with an order of battle listing all units involved for each confrontation.

Richly illustrated with nearly 700 photographs, maps, charts, and drawings to embellish each detailed account. You'll see never-before-published period photos as well as extraordinary full color features of some of the most outstanding artifact collections in the world, all of Western Theatre battles and men who fought them.

► ***Images of America, Bardstown***

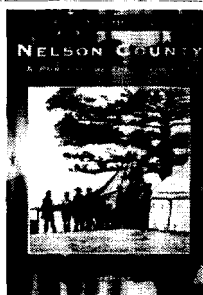
by Dixie Hibbs

"Join Ms. Hibbs on a fascinating journey back in time to Bardstown's early days in this lovingly crafted tribute--certain to be treasured for years to come by resident and visitor alike."



► ***Nelson County: A Portrait of the Civil War***

by Dixie Hibbs



This pictorial book deals with what happened in Nelson County during this turbulent time in history. The book chronicles the activity of Nelson County between 1861-1865 and after.

Other related historical subjects of interest:

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Religion's Role in Bardstown History



The Bardstown Era 1775-1840

In 1785, groups of Maryland Catholics began an inner trek, away from the coast, and toward the trans-montane West. Within 25 years their numbers on the frontier had grown so steadily that in 1810 a bishop -- **Benedict Joseph Flaget** -- had been consecrated for this people. The oldest inland American Catholic diocese was underway.

So much was distinctive about these Kentucky Catholics. Their first parish, **Holy Cross**, was gathered together by lay leadership who sought a priest urgently of Bishop Carroll in Baltimore. Their first seminary, **St. Thomas**, began literally on a flatboat floating down the Ohio; on board regular lessons and religious exercises were held. One of their first colleges -- St. Mary's -- was founded in an old whiskey distillery building.

When the new American Republic began, and during most of the "Federal Period" of American history, Catholics with their single diocesan headquarters at Baltimore, had constituted less than one percent of the populace. Then came the four new dioceses of Boston, New York, Philadelphia and Bardstown, and a process of growth was in operation that would see the old faith constituted as the largest religious grouping in the nation by the end of the nineteenth century.

Kentucky -- "the fifteenth colony" -- was the first western star in the American flag when it entered the Union in 1792. Soon the new commonwealth was boasting many national western "firsts," including the premier Catholic cathedral, colleges, academies, seminary, religious sisterhoods and contemplative abbey. All was centered around the thriving little urban hub of **Bardstown**, nerve center of a growing benevolent empire of faith, worship and service.

The new diocese was vast and considerably larger than France. It spread from the Great Lakes to the Deep South; from the Mississippi to the Alleghenies. Over thirty other dioceses would eventually be taken from the Bardstown territory as from a solicitous mother: such later urban centers of faith as Chicago, Detroit, Nashville, Indianapolis, Cincinnati and Memphis.

If the earliest lay leaders were to trace their roots to proud old British stock, the first long-term clerical leaders of Catholic Kentucky were of French extraction. Many were, in fact, exiles from the French Revolution, those who refused to take the oath that would make of the church a mere arm of an all-encompassing state.

Late in 1841 the saintly old **Bishop Flaget** began the move the center of administration from the town of **Bardstown** to the much larger and growing riverport of Louisville. It was at that time that the old prelate made one of the first uses of an image that lingers still: that of the **Bardstown** area as a Holy Land. From **Bardstown** as from a little **Bethlehem**, the church must move forth and enter into a new era.

So in one sense the **Bardstown** era ended as a phase in American Catholic history. Immigrant, urban and national realities were pressing in. And yet, in a truer sense, the Bardstown era can never end in Kentucky Catholicism. Geographically, emotionally and spiritually the Kentucky Holy Land remains today a place of rare beauty, personalities and spiritual presence.

America is often said to be a place devoid of many places of strong romantic and emotional appeal. For American Catholicism, at least, **Bardstown** and its Holy Land must remain a highly notable exception.

--reprinted from *The Faithful Image* by Clyde F. Crews

Click [here](#) to jump to a listing of churches of various denominations in the Bardstown area.

► **Heritage Hall**

Historical Collections of the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth

This museum celebrates the story and mission of the Sisters of Charity since it was founded in 1812. Interpretive exhibits illustrate the leadership of the Sisters in areas of education, health care, and social services. See Abraham Lincoln's letter of protection during the civil war.

**Box 34
Nazareth, Kentucky 40048
(502) 348-1545**



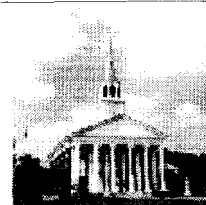
Links for Additional Information:

www.scnazarethky.org

► **St. Joseph Proto-Cathedral**

The first Catholic cathedral west to the Allegheny Mountains. This church is a national landmark listed by the U.S. Library of Congress, and was built 1816-1819. This historical edifice contains fine paintings and altar adornments which were gifts of Francis I, King of the Two Sicilies, and Pope Leo XII.

**310 W. Stephen Foster
Bardstown, KY 40004
(502) 348-3126**

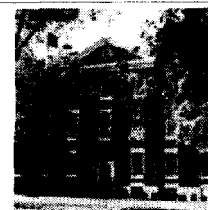


► **Spalding Hall**

Circa 1826

First served as St. Joseph College and Seminary, then as a hospital for the armies of the North and South during the Civil War, and finally as St. Joseph Preparatory School from 1911 to 1968. It is now home of the Oscar Getz Museum of Whiskey History and the Bardstown Historical Museum.

**114 North Fifth Street
Bardstown, Kentucky 40004
(502) 348-2999**



► **Abbey of Gethsemani**

America's largest and oldest order of Cistercian Monks. Founded in 1848, this Trappist monastery was home to the writer Thomas Merton, and his burial site. Today it's known world-wide for its delicious fruitcakes and cheeses available throughout the county and by mail order.

3642 Monks Road
Trappist, Kentucky 40051

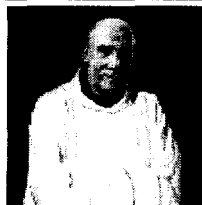


Links for Additional Information:

www.monks.org

► **Thomas Merton**

Regarded as a spiritual master by many, a brilliant religious writer, and a man who embodied the quest for God and human solidarity in the modern world.



Links for Additional Information:

www.monks.org

► **Bardstown Baptist Church**

Construction completed in 1893. Design is Gothic and it is made from limestone quarried at nearby Clermont, Kentucky. The church was the last large stone building erected in Nelson County.

320 North Third Street
Bardstown, Kentucky 40004
(502) 348-3866



► **Loretto Motherhouse**

The Sisters of Loretto have lived in this site since 1824 working, worshipping and welcoming all to their Motherhouse. The grounds include a sculpture garden & gallery, featuring the Jeanne Dueber sculpture pictured at right.

"My philosophy of what sculpture should be is centered in the human form and all that relates to it. This gives me an unending source of material for exploration. I also believe in the spirit or soul within each human so the energies of the spirit emerge as qualities in my work. This might be seen as a playful humor or as an intense agony, but the feeling tone of the finished piece exists intangibly in the aura surrounding the sculpture. I strive to take a medium to its limit." --

Jeanne Dueber, SL



Nerinx, Kentucky 40049

RECREATION

Bardstown and Nelson County provide various recreational facilities which include an Olympic-size swimming pool and bathhouse, a gymnasium with meeting rooms and offices, a football field, four soccer fields, and six baseball diamonds. Other facilities include basketball, volleyball, and tennis courts as well as playgrounds, a picnic area, and an outdoor pavilion. Supervised recreational programs include: organized baseball, volleyball, soccer, tennis, and basketball; arts and crafts; weight lifting; swimming programs and exercise courses.

Other facilities available in Bardstown include a country club, movie theaters, a bowling facility, a skating rink, four 18-hole golf courses, a par-3 course, a driving range, a community theater, and a dirt track raceway.

My Old Kentucky Home, a restored Georgian Colonial mansion is where composer Stephen Foster visited his cousin, Judge John Rowan and was inspired to write "My Old Kentucky Home," the official Kentucky state song. "Stephen Foster-The Musical" is presented at My Old Kentucky Home State Park during the summer. The park also offers a 40-site campground, 18-hole golf course, a gift shop, two tennis courts, a picnic area, and planned recreation.

St. Joseph Proto-Cathedral, the first Catholic cathedral west of the Allegheny Mountains, was completed in 1819. The cathedral contains paintings which were personal gifts of Francis I of the Two Sicilies and Pope Leo XII.

Gethsemani Farms Trappist Monastery near Bardstown is the oldest monastery west of the Allegheny Mountains.

Wickland, a Georgian-style mansion and the home of three governors was completed in 1817. Tours of the mansion are provided by appointment.

The Old Talbott Tavern originally served as a stage coach stop. Erected in the latter part of the 18th century, the tavern is said to be the oldest hotel in continuous operation west of the Alleghenies.

Spalding Hall, established in 1819 as the St. Joseph College, served as a hospital for Union soldiers during the Civil War. It houses the Oscar Getz Museum of Wiskey History and the Bardstown Historical Museum.

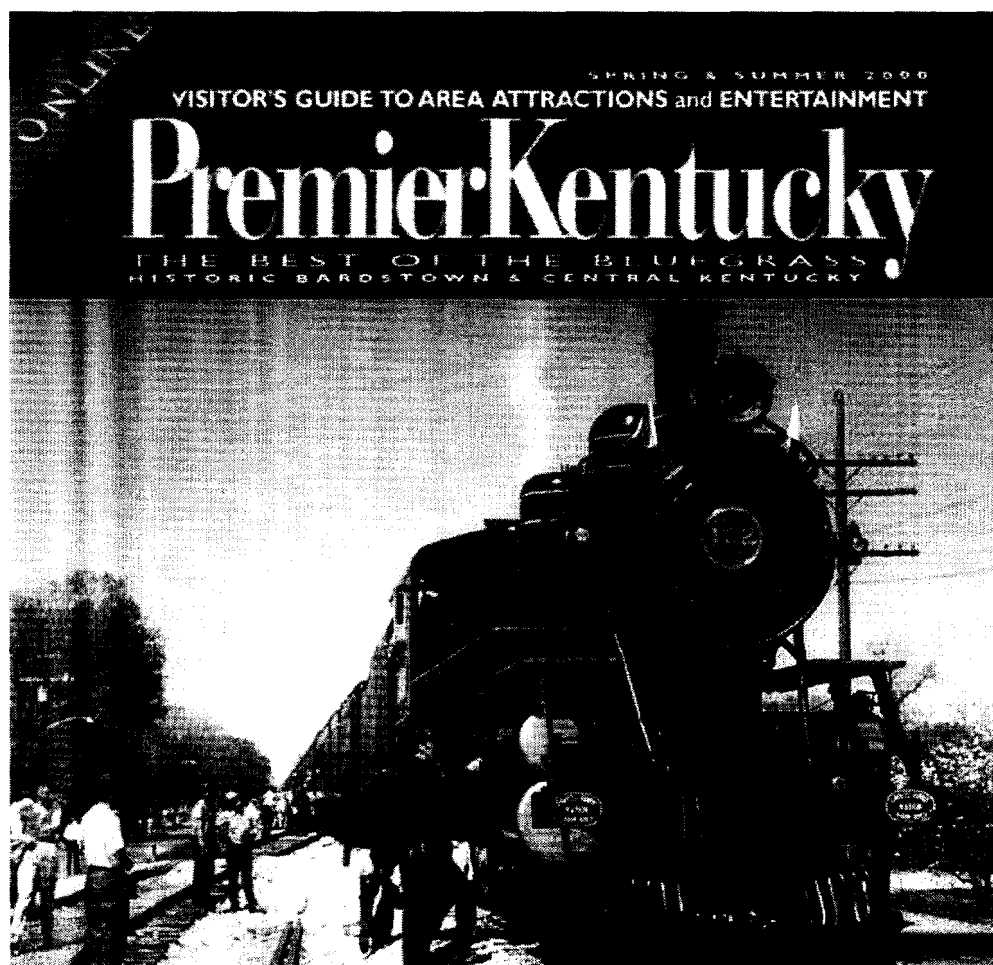
The Old Bardstown Village displays Kentucky crafts, market place, working still, broom and candle making, world's finest miniature soldier exhibit, blacksmith shop, Captain Bean's Tavern, spinning and loom shop, Village Hall, Wheelwright Shop, water mill, and covered bridge. A museum displaying artifacts and relics of the Civil War is located on the village grounds.

My Old Kentucky Dinner Train, a passenger line, features a two-hour excursion through picturesque Bernheim Forest. Dinner and Sunday brunch trips are offered every season except winter.

Bernheim Forest Arboretum and Nature Center, located 15 miles northwest of Bardstown, is a privately endowed 10,000-acre forest and wildlife refuge. The area contains over 1,200 labeled varieties of plants, trees, and shrubs; ornamental gardens; a nature center; nature trails; and waterfowl ponds.

Area (Within 50 miles)

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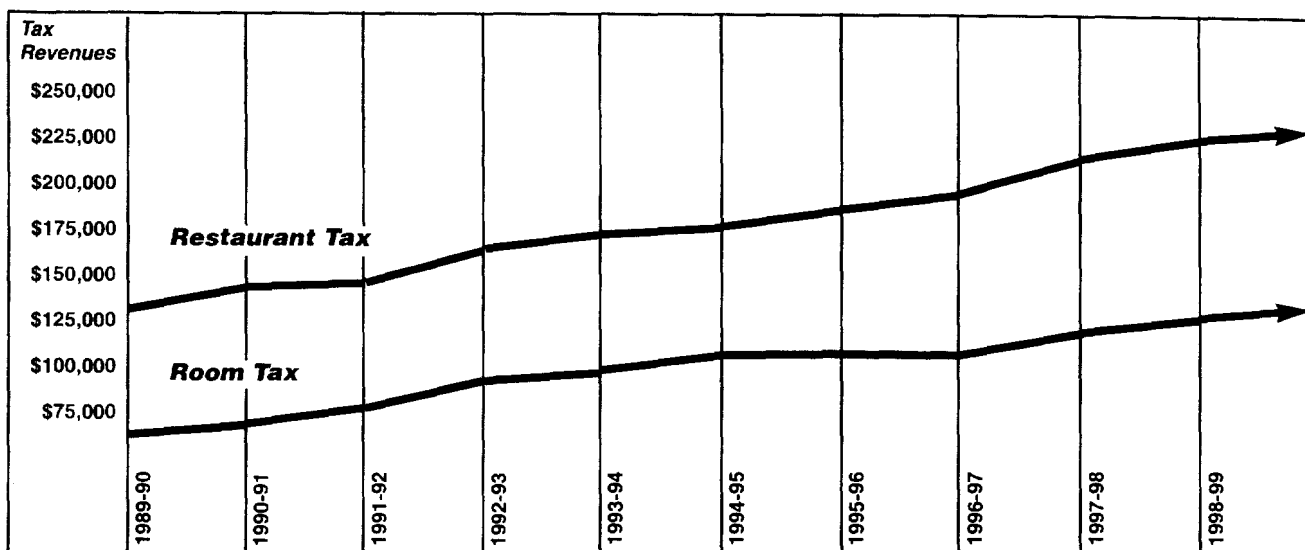
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Nelson County's Room & Restaurant Tax Revenues



Lodging — Total number of motel rooms..... 497
 Total bed & breakfast rooms..... 46
 Total rooms combined..... 543

1998-99 Room & Restaurant Revenue
 Restaurant..... \$227,312.00
 Room..... \$129,868.00

Source: Bardstown-Nelson County Tourist Commission

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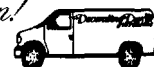
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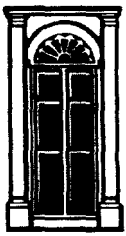
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